

Please amend the application as follows:

At page 8, lines 11 to 17, please replace the original paragraph with the following:

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The perforated and scored material can be attached to an absorbent structure as generally disclosed in Friese, US Patent No. 4,816,100, or as disclosed in US Serial No. 60/141688, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Sealing Roller and Sealing Roller Element, Particularly for Producing a Tampon for Feminine Hygiene and Method Therefor".

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 21, with the following:

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The invention is also well suited to separate laminated films, especially those with different physical characteristics in different laminate layers. In particular, this invention is especially suited to multilayered apertured films as described in Johnson et al., copending application US Ser. No. 09/345,090, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Multilayered Apertured Film Wrapping Element for Absorbent Articles". As shown in Figures 5 and 6, the scores 51 between severed regions in a multilayered film may completely cut through one or more surface layers to reduce or eliminate their influence in the second severing step. This is especially effective when the intermediate layer of a three layered laminate is formed of a ductile material that has a low elastic modulus.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-23 were originally filed in the present application and have been subjected to a restriction requirement. Claims 21-23 have been elected for prosecution, and these claims have been rejected. Therefore, Claims 1-23 are pending in this application, however, only Claims 21-23 are currently under consideration.

The present amendments to the specification identify the cross-referenced applications on pages 8 and 12-13.

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments is respectfully solicited.